

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, December 6, 2021, at 8:30 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

#### CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**  
Review and approval of the minutes from September 20, 2021.
  
- II. **DPH Updates**  
Licensure Applications/ Examinations / Continuing Education
  
- III. **Schedule 2022 meeting dates**

#### ADJOURN

#### **Board of Examiners for Opticians via Microsoft Teams**

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **September 20, 2021**.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenney Rivard, L.O  
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting were approved a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Mead.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section reported that no applications for the virtual examination have been received after August 1, 2021.

Mr. Carragher also reported that the continuing education waiver due to the COVID pandemic is still in effect.

**III, Public Act 21-152**

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH discussed Section of Public Act 21-152 which requires the Commissioner of the DPH, not later than January 15, 2022, to submit a report the General Assembly, after consultation with Boards and Commissions, as to whether would be in the best interest of the state (1) for any examination administered by the state to be administered by a national organization acceptable to the Department of Public Health, and (2) to reduce any experience and training requirements while increasing any such examination's ability to test applicants' knowledge or skills.

The Board commented that it does concur with the use of a national examination. The Board also commented it is not in favor of have separate licenses for eyewear and contact lenses.

**IV. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenney Rivard, LO  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians